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Special Announcement

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI). *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* extended its deadline to accept applications for the 2004-2005 SPI Class. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive Directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and adhere to attendance requirements. **The new deadline for applications is July 16, 2004, at 5:00pm.** Call OPGD **TODAY** at (202) 727-8900 to have an application e-mailed or faxed to you; or pick-up one from OPGD at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001.

Federal Opportunities

Research on Accessible Reading Assessments. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to produce, and advance the use of, knowledge to improve the results of education and early intervention for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities. Eligible applicants include state educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and other public agencies. The deadline for applications is August 23, 2004.

Approximately \$4.8 million is available to fund 5 awards, ranging from \$960,000-\$1 million. For further information, contact Dave Malouf at (202) 245-7427; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-14987.htm>.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Projects. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration on Aging (AoA)* announces funds to expand capacity of current SMP projects to better fulfill the SMP program mission on health care fraud prevention, identification and reporting, through increased awareness of older consumers. Eligible applicants are limited to existing SMP project grantees. The deadline for applications is August 16, 2004. For further information, contact DHHS, Office of Grants Management, at (202) 357-3440; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-14904.htm>.

Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities - Technology Implementation Center. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to: improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; support educational media activities; provide support for some captioning, and video description; and provide cultural experiences. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and for-profit organizations, state educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), public agencies, and institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is July 30, 2004. Approximately \$1 million is available for one award. For further information, contact Jane Hauser at (202) 245-7373; or go to:

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<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-14660.htm>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

AmeriCorps*State Formula Program. *Serve DC* announces funds for operating new and continuing AmeriCorps programs within DC. *Serve DC* seeks to fund innovative community service programs that use service as a strategy to address compelling community needs in the areas of education, public safety, human needs, homeland security and other human needs. Eligible applicants include local nonprofit organizations and state and local units of government (other than state education agencies). Programs applying to *Serve DC* for funding must operate only within the District. The deadline for applications is August 4, 2004, at 5:00pm. Applicants are required to attend a technical assistance session from 6:00pm-8:00pm at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St., NW, Suite 1040 South on July 8, July 14, or July 20, 2004. Contact Cliffie Bailey at (202) 727-7925 to RSVP for a training session. For further information on the program, contact Lucila Lagace, Director of National Service, at (202) 727-7937; or go to: www.serve.dc.gov.

FY 2005 Ward 8 Lead Agency Grant Program. *The DC Office on Aging (DCOA)* announces funds to provide a full array of services and activities that are designed to enhance the overall health and well-being of the District's Ward 8 elderly population, aged 60 and above. Services for this population should include: Counseling; Health Promotion; Weekday Congregate Meals; Weekday Delivered Meals; Weekend Home Delivered Meals; Literacy; Nutrition Counseling; Nutrition Education; Socialization; and Transportation to Sites & Activities. Applicants must design services to meet the complex and ever-changing needs of the elderly, especially older individuals with the greatest economic and/or social needs, with particular emphasis on the low-income minority elderly. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and for-profit organizations with places of business within the physical boundaries of DC. For-profits must not include profit in their grant application. The deadline for applications is August 24, 2004, at 5:00pm. Approximately \$483,700 is available for one award. A Pre-Application

conference will be held on July 20, 2004, 10:00am-noon, at DCOA, 441 4th Street, NW, Conference Room 940 South. The RFA will be released on July 13, 2004 and will be available at DCOA, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 900 South, Washington, DC 20001. The RFA will be available online at DCOA's website, www.dcoa.dc.gov, and the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's website, <http://opgd.dc.gov/> - District Grants Clearinghouse, no later than July 19, 2004. For further information, contact DCOA at (202) 724-5622.

Housing. *The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)* announces funds to finance projects that focus on five types of housing categories: Elderly Housing; Special Needs Housing; Preservation of Expiring Federal Subsidies; New/Substantial Rehabilitation of Housing (5 or more units); and Homeownership and Community Facilities. The deadline for applications is September 3, 2004, at 4:00pm. Approximately \$35 million is available. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released on July 9, 2004. The RFP package, including all application materials and reference guidebook, can be obtained from DHCD, Development Finance Division, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002, second floor reception desk. This information will be available on the DHCD website, www.dhcd.dc.gov, on or about July 16, 2004. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 16, 2004, 9:00am-11:00am, Mt Airy Baptist Church, 1100 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC. For further information, contact DHCD, Development Finance Division, at (202) 442-7280.

Teacher Quality Enhancement State Grant. *The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA)/Office of Academic Credentials and Standards (OACS)* announces funds to assist with systemic revisions relating to assuring quality in the practice of teaching in DC. Eligible applicants include qualified institutions of higher education (IHEs). The deadline for applications is August 2, 2004, at 5:00pm. The average grants will be \$70,000 per participating institution. Applicants to the program must attend the Pre-Application Conference on July 7, 2004, 2:00pm-4:00pm, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Room 9125. The RFA will be available on the DCPS website, www.dcps.dc.gov, and the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants

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Development (OPGD) website, <http://opgd.dc.gov/> - District Grants Clearinghouse, no later than, July 9, 2004. For further information, contact Ms. Nelda Owsiak, SEA/OACS, at (202) 727-9053.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, District Grants Clearinghouse.

The DC Energy Office (DCEO), Residential Conservation Assistance Program (RCAP), July 7, 2004, at 4:45pm.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)/Residential and Community Services Division (RSC), Home Purchase Assistance Program, July 9, 2004, at 4:00pm.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH), Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS), July 9, 2004, at 4:30pm.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP), 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), July 30, 2004, at 5:00 pm.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Folk and Traditional Arts Mini Grants, September 2, 2004, at 6:00pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, September 24 and December 30, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning and Outreach: Teacher Mini-Grant Program, September 30, 2004, at 6:00pm.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Young Artists, October 25, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Arts and Environment. *The Tiffany & Co. Foundation* provides grants in the following areas: crafts and arts education; preservation and conservation; decorative arts; and environmental conservation. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. A Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is recommended for an initial approach to the foundation. The deadline for full applications is November 15, 2004. For further information on how to apply for a grant and information on recent grants, go to: <http://www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org/>.

Disparities in Health and End-of-Life Care. *The Aetna Foundation* announces the Quality of Care Grants Program to support initiatives focused on: Disparities in Health — programs to improve the quality of health care delivered to racial and ethnic minority populations; and End-of-Life Care — programs to enhance care and services for both caregivers and patients at the end of life. Priority consideration will be given to programs that address both areas of interest. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for submitting online proposal abstracts is October 1, 2004. Multi-year requests of up to three years will be considered. Awards will range from \$25,000-\$100,000 annually. For further information, go to: http://www.aetna.com/foundation/news/articles/2004/pr_20040615.htm.

Education, Children's Advocacy, Medical Research, and the Arts. *The Charles Lafitte Foundation's (CLF)* mission is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy, satisfying and enriched lives. To fulfill this mission, the Foundation makes grants in four main program areas: education, children's advocacy, medical research, and the arts. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, contact Jennifer Vertetis, President, at jennifer@charleslafitte.org; or go to: <http://www.charleslafitte.org/index.htm>.

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Family Literacy. *The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy* announces funds for its 2005 national grant competition. The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. Eligible applicants include organizations with nonprofit or public status that have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application. Applicants must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade 3, and intergenerational literacy activities. The deadline for applications is September 10, 2004. Approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. For further information and to access the application, go to: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>.

Reducing Poverty and Promoting Family Economic Success. *The funders of the D.C. CASH Campaign – the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the CityBridge Foundation, the Fannie Mae Foundation, and the Kimsey Foundation* – are seeking an organization (or a partnership of organizations) to provide the central administrative, training, and technical assistance functions necessary to support the Campaign's six free, high-quality, neighborhood-based tax sites and asset-building partners in Wards 5, 7, and 8. The Campaign seeks to achieve three primary goals in a set of target neighborhoods across the city: educate residents about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other tax benefits that contribute to increased income through income tax refunds; sponsor tax centers that offer free electronic tax preparation and filing services; and promote financial education and increased savings to increase household wealth. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is July 16, 2004. For further information and application instructions, go to: www.dccash.org.

Support of New Musical Works. *Meet The Composer (MTC), in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts*, supports the commissioning and multiple performances of new musical works through its Commissioning Music/USA program. The program supports performing and presenting organizations that wish to commission new works by

providing financial support for composer and librettist commissioning fees, copying costs, as well as a range of support services. Awards for the 2005 round of Commissioning Music/USA will be for projects in the following categories only: chamber ensemble, jazz ensemble, new music ensemble, orchestra, chorus, concert band, and instrumental/vocal soloist. Eligible applicants include nonprofit performing and presenting organizations or consortiums of these organizations. The deadline for applications is November 12, 2004, at 5:00pm. For further information, go to: <http://www.meetthecomposer.org/programs/commissioning.html>.

Youth Gun Violence Prevention. *The Alliance for Justice's Co/Motion Program* helps organizations build their capacity to foster youth leadership in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of action strategies designed to address community problems. Through a competitive selection process, Co/Motion awards matching challenge grants to organizations engaged in youth-driven initiatives focused on gun violence prevention issues. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and government agencies that have received funding from the Alliance for Justice in the past. The deadline for applications is July 16, 2004. Matching grants of up to \$10,000 are available. Grantees also will receive training, ongoing technical assistance, and action alerts. For further information, contact Alliance for Justice at (202) 822-6070 or alliance@afj.org; or go to: http://www.allianceforjustice.org/student/co_motion/what/grants.html.

Resources & Announcements

Adult and Lifelong Learning Initiative. *The DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC), in partnership with the State Education Office (SEO) and the Mayor's Office*, provides Lifelong Learning Coaches to DC-based adult literacy providers. Primary responsibilities for Lifelong Learning Coaches include: assisting in the development and delivery of a city-wide adult literacy system; promoting the adult literacy initiatives of assigned DC agencies and community-based organizations; serving as a professional resource to DC agencies and community-based organizations through the collection and sharing of

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current research, best practices, and other data; recruiting, supervising, and training volunteers; providing adult basic education, GED classes, and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction; and more. Eligible applicants include DC-based adult literacy providers. The deadline for applications is July 14, 2004. For further information or to access the Request for Applications (RFA), contact CYITC at (202) 347-4441; or go to: <http://www.cyitc.org>.

Book Sets for Young Readers. *The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*, in collaboration with the American Library Association, has established the We the People Bookshelf to highlight a short list of classic books for young readers at different grade levels. Each year, NEH selects books that share a theme important to U.S. heritage; "Freedom" is the theme for 2004-5. Eligible applicants include all public libraries, including systems and branches, and school libraries (K-12) at public, private, parochial, or charter schools in the U.S. and its territories. The deadlines for online applications are October 20, 2004 and February 16, 2005. A total of 1,000 eligible libraries will receive copies of the fifteen books in the We the People Bookshelf. The libraries will also receive supplementary materials, such as bookplates, bookmarks, brochures, and posters and will be asked to organize programs that highlight the theme of freedom and encourage young readers to explore these works. For further information, go to: <http://www.neh.gov/wtp/bookshelf/index.html>.

Gender. *Grantcraft*, a project of the Ford Foundation, announces a new publication – Grant Making With a Gender Lens. In this guide, grant makers and grantees describe the experience of using a "gender lens" in their work. They explain what gender analysis is and isn't and why it can help shape more effective programs and organizations. The guide also takes a closer look at how gender analysis has led to new thinking in fields as diverse as public health, international development, juvenile justice, and youth services. And it includes links to helpful diversity tools, along with cases showing how grant makers and grantees use gender analysis to rethink old assumptions and sharpen their work. For further information on the guide, go to: <http://www.grantcraft.org/catalog/guides/gender/index.html>.

Grants Database Training. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* will host an information session on how to use GrantsDirect.com, a resource available in OPGD's Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). GrantsDirect.com is an on-line, subscriber-based service profiling more than 5,100 foundation donors nationwide, including 1,600 headquartered in Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia. Learn the fundamentals of researching foundations, how to identify organizations with similar missions that are receiving foundation support, and what the trends are in foundation giving in our region. The session will be held on July 8, 2004, 9:30am, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Citywide Conference Center, Room 1107. The first in a series of research trainings, this session is free, but registration is required. For further information or to register, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Grantwriting Workshop. *The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI)* will host a two-day grant writing training session. Key HUD staff members will provide instructions on how to become more competitive for federal grant funds, as well as how to secure 501(c)(3) status. Workshop topics include: grant writing techniques; HUD programs available to nonprofits; HUD common factors for award; performance measures; working with local governments; organizational development; and more. This free training will take place July 20-21, 2004, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard Street,

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Alexandria, VA 22311-5097. Space is limited, but registration is required. For further information and to register, contact Lillian Curley, Faith & Community Based Liaison, at (202) 275-9200 x 3303 or Lillian_A_Curley@hud.gov; or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/grantworkshop.cfm>.

Nonprofit Standards of Excellence. *The Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (MANO) Standards for Excellence Institute* is preparing to make its Standards of Excellence certification program available to nonprofit groups across the country. The Institute is committed to raising the level of ethics and accountability in nonprofit organizations; therefore, it has released these Standards for Excellence to serve as a model for nonprofit organizations to implement in their operations and governance. This new national initiative will enable nonprofits across the nation to take advantage of the *Standards* code, educational resource packet, technical assistance and voluntary certification program. For further information on the Standards of Excellence Institute and its certificate program, go to: <http://www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org/>.

Washington Grantmakers Common Grant Application. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) and Washington Grantmakers* will host an information session on the newly revised Washington Grantmakers Common Grant Application. The goal of the Common Grant Application is to serve the regions' grantmaking and grantseeking communities by streamlining the grant application process. The format makes grantseeking easier as you can create one standard proposal that can be customized for multiple funders. The session will take place on July 22, 2004, 9:30am-noon, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1104 (Red Line Metro Stop). This session is free, but registration is required. For further information or to register, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 by July 16.

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